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1. The headquarters of the First Antitank Regiment, Podelenie #7885, is located in Kyustendil near the barracks of the 13th Infantry regiment. The antitank regiment is headed by Lt Col Yonkov.

2. The regiment consists of three batteries, each of which has 38 men, as well as a school battery which has 240-260 troops. This school battery is for the training of non-commissioned officers of antitank units. The first composite battery is headed by Lt Stamenkov.

3. The battery consists of one officer, one school staff sergeant, who is assistant commander of the battery, one training staff sergeant who is the assistant commander of the battery, one staff sergeant, one other non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers who are commanders of guns, and 38 troops. For armament the battery has four D-42, 7.5 cm ZIS Soviet guns, four D-28, 7.5 cm Reinnbtal German guns, eight Dikterov Soviet light machine guns, 20 German submachine guns and 38 carbines. The battery has four vehicles for hauling the guns, two Opelblitz three-ton trucks, and one light Kadefeka vehicle for the Commander of the battery. The battery has also measuring devices such as two compasses, which replace distance measuring devices, two telescopes, and 12 binoculars.

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4. The second composite battery is headed by Lt Angelov, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The battery consists of one officer, one training staff sergeant, who is the commander of a platoon, one staff sergeant (master sergeant) of the battery, four candidate non-commissioned officers who are gun commanders, and 38 troops. The weapons are the same as in the first composite battery.
5. The third composite battery is headed by Lt Tsakov, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dimitur Kotsev is the staff sergeant of the battery. [REDACTED] The battery consists of one officer, one training staff sergeant, one staff sergeant, one other non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers, and 38 troops. The weapons are the same as in the first and second composite batteries.
6. The composite batteries of the First Antitank Regiment are not divided into platoons and they consist of 38 troops - not of 80 or more troops. The batteries do not have a full TO (Table of Organization) because of innovations in special artillery. Antitank units are being created in the Bulgarian army which are similar to those of the Soviet army. During 1953, the Table of Organization was increased but how much it will be increased during 1954 is not known. However, it is known that during 1954 a complete rearming, reorganization, will take place and will be completed.
7. The training battery attached to the First Antitank Regiment Podelenie #7885 consists of three composite batteries - Podelenie #1813 "Lom", Podelenie #1374 "mechkul" and Podelenie / number not given / "Plovdiv". The School Battery consisting of the above three composite batteries has its headquarters in Pazardzhik. Its purpose is to train non-commissioned officers for these batteries.

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10. The weapons and the ammunition of the training battery consists of 12 D-42 7.5 cm ZIS Soviet guns, 12 D-28 7.5 cm Reinnbtal German guns, 12 tugs for hauling the guns, three Opelblits three-ton trucks, four Styer / Austrian / vehicles for reconnaissance and four German jeeps, eight light Kadezka vehicles for training drivers in the school, 240 carbines, 80 pistols of the parabellum type with a caliber of nine mm, 60 nine mm submachine guns of German make, 70 binoculars, 12 Pap compasses, live shells and cartridges and other ammunition.

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